

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 686 – SB 638**

May 19, 2009

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008759):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause and requires the Executive Director of the Select Committee on Children and Youth to establish a non-funded, voluntary, post-custody services advisory council. The Department of Children's Services (DCS) and other state agencies that provide services to youth transitioning out of state custody are required to respond to any and all recommendations of the council. Requires all state agencies that administer cash in-kind assistance to establish a system to determine whether applicants for assistance or individuals receiving assistance have ever been in foster care and inform the applicant of services that are available to former foster youth through post-custody services. Urges the private, non-profit community to establish a network of resource centers to provide or facilitate assistance in dealing with the challenges and barriers associated with the transition out of foster care; receiving post-secondary education, vocational training and job skills development; finding and retaining employment, housing, transportation, parenting, and family support, health care, mental health care; and navigating systems and procedures that impact the individual's education, employment, health and mental welfare, and basic needs until the individual turns 24 years old. Requires DCS to support, in part, the resource centers and authorizes DCS to share staff and financial resources subject to the availability of funds. The Department must provide information on the resource centers to foster children preparing for independent living.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$22,002,300

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$991,200

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

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- The Select Committee on Children and Youth will not incur any increase in expenditures to establish and administratively support a non-funded, voluntary, post-custody advisory council. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- The resource centers will be created and financially supported by private, non-profit organizations at no cost to the state.
- Any cost incurred by DCS to provide support and information regarding the resource centers will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion. The Department will not provide any staff or financial resources to the centers.
- State agencies will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to develop a system to determine if applicants for assistance have been in the foster system and to provide information about services that are available through post-custody services. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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